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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Transportation Committee

Date: September 23, 2008

From: CMAP Staff

Re: Public Comments on proposed TIP Amendment, RTP Update and

**Conformity Analysis** 

The following is a summary of the comments received on the proposed TIP Amendment, RTP Update and Conformity Analysis and staff notes on those comments. Three comments were received. Copies of the individual comments are attached.

## Resumption of former bus routes

Mary Carroll sent an e-mail suggesting that transportation could be improved by resuming some routes that were dropped because of low ridership. The former routes mentioned were the Central Avenue and Devon Avenue routes.

• It appears that the public comment is referencing Pace Rte 210. Due to declining ridership and duplication with CTA this route was changed in March 2004. It was modified and now connects during rush hours with two CTA express routes to the loop at Sheridan/Berwyn (CTA Rte 136 & CTA Rte 147). Additionally, Pace Rte 210 passes the Berwyn Red Line Station if the customer prefers to take the train downtown.

## <u>Format and presentation of the RTP Update and TIP Amendment</u>

Harry Solomon sent an e-mail stating that the overarching themes of sustainability, equity and innovation and the new regional priorities should be included in the RTP Update. He also stated that it was not possible to comment on new TIP projects if there were no details available and the TIP identification numbers appear to be incorrect. Mr.

Solomon stated that reformatting of the data and simplifying the links to the website would improve usability.

- As the region's first truly comprehensive plan, GO TO 2040, is being developed, the themes of sustainability, equity and innovation and the regional priorities will be addressed in detail. CMAP staff suggests that the language regarding sustainability be modified in the next 2030 RTP update, scheduled for June 2009.
- A report that provides details on new TIP projects is posted on the CMAP website. This report will be standard procedure for all future TIP amendments to ensure that details of new TIP projects will be readily available for public review. Reformatting of the existing data to simplifying links to the website is in progress and will be in use for the next round of amendments. Identification numbers have been corrected.

## South Suburban Airport

Walter McElligott sent an e-mail discussing his opposition to a regional South Suburban Airport included in the 2030 RTP.

• Intercity transportation, including aviation, is important for the economy of the region and the mobility of our citizens. Aviation improvements, including the proposed South Suburban Airport, are an integral element of our region's transportation system plan to facilitate intercity travel. We recognize that as the region and transportation system change, plans need to be reviewed for appropriateness. Such a review is best accomplished in the context of our *GO TO 2040* process, not the minor update of the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan now being considered. Intercity passenger transportation and freight transportation are both being studied in detail within the *GO TO 2040* plan process.